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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

53/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 9 September 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-third session consisting of the following Member States: CHINA, FIJI, JAMAICA, MALI, NEW ZEALAND, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, VENEZUELA and ZIMBABWE.

53/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 9 September 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. Didier OPERTTI (Uruguay) President of the General Assembly.

53/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 9 September 1998, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 9 September 1998, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	Mr. André MERNIER (Belgium)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Pablo MACEDO (Mexico)
Second Committee:	Mr. Bagher ASADI (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Third Committee:	Mr. Ali HACHANI (Tunisia)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Movses ABELIAN (Armenia)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Jargalsaikhany ENKHSAIKHAN (Mongolia).

53/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 9 September 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: BRUNEI DARUSSALAM, CAMEROON, CHINA, FRANCE, GEORGIA, GERMANY, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MOROCCO, MYANMAR, NICARAGUA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAN MARINO, SENEGAL, SURINAME, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TURKMENISTAN, UGANDA, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and YEMEN.

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[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

53/305. Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 20th plenary meeting, on 29 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[2] extended the term of office of Mrs. Sadako OGATA as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of two years, beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000.

53/306. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 8 October 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ARGENTINA, CANADA, MALAYSIA, NAMIBIA and the NETHERLANDS non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of COSTA RICA, JAPAN, KENYA, PORTUGAL and SWEDEN.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ARGENTINA,** BAHRAIN,* BRAZIL,* CANADA,** CHINA, FRANCE, GABON,* GAMBIA,* MALAYSIA,** NAMIBIA,** NETHERLANDS,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SLOVENIA,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

53/307. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 16 October 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with article 13 of the statute of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, elected the following three judges to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the Tribunal until the date of expiry of the terms of office of the judges currently serving in the Tribunal, that is, until 16 November 2001:

Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (Morocco)
Mr. David Anthony HUNT (Australia)
Mr Patrick Lipton ROBINSON (Jamaica).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of the three judges would commence on a date to be determined by the President of the Tribunal.[3]

53/308. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 26 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[4] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected BENIN,

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[2] A/53/389, para. 4.

[3] The terms of office of the three judges commence on 16 November 1998.

[4] See Economic and Social Council decision 1998/202 B of 7 May 1998; see also A/53/440.

CHINA, EGYPT, JAPAN, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA and URUGUAY members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHINA, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, EGYPT, JAPAN, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TOGO and URUGUAY.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (*a*) of agenda item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-third session for the election, at a later date, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council, of members to the two seats remaining to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-two Member States: ARGENTINA,* AUSTRIA,* BAHAMAS,** BENIN,*** BRAZIL,* CAMEROON,* CHINA,*** CONGO,* EGYPT,*** FRANCE,** GERMANY,* INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* ITALY,* JAPAN,*** MEXICO,** NICARAGUA,* NIGERIA,* PAKISTAN,* POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** THAILAND,* TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,* UGANDA,** UKRAINE,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** URUGUAY,*** ZAMBIA** and ZIMBABWE.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/309. Election of judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 3 November 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with article 12 of the statute of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, elected the following nine judges to serve in the Trial Chambers of the Tribunal for a term of office of four years, that is, until 24 May 2003:

Mr. Pavel DOLENC (Slovenia)
Mr. Mehmet GÜNEY (Turkey)
Mr. Laïty KAMA (Senegal)
Mr. Dionysios KONDYLIS (Greece)
Mr. Erik MØSE (Norway)
Mr. Yakov OSTROVSKY (Russian Federation)
Ms. Navanethem PILLAY (South Africa)
Mr. William SEKULE (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. Lloyd George WILLIAMS (Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis).

The General Assembly was informed that the terms of office of six out of the nine judges would commence on 25 May 1999, following the expiration of the terms of office of the judges currently serving in the two existing Trial Chambers of the Tribunal.

The Assembly was also informed that three out of the nine judges would be designated to serve in the third Trial Chamber of the Tribunal by the Secretary-General in consultation with the President of the Tribunal, and that their terms of

office would commence as soon as possible following the elections so that the third Trial Chamber could begin to function at the earliest possible date.[5]

53/310. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 56th and 57th plenary meetings, on 12 November 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, CANADA, CHINA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, GUINEA-BISSAU, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, MOROCCO, NORWAY, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RWANDA, SAUDI ARABIA, the SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and VENEZUELA members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, CANADA, the CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHINA, the CZECH REPUBLIC, FINLAND, GABON, GUYANA, JORDAN, LEBANON, NICARAGUA, ROMANIA, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWEDEN, TOGO, TUNISIA and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALGERIA,** BELARUS,** BELGIUM,** BOLIVIA,*** BRAZIL,** BULGARIA,*** CANADA,*** CAPE VERDE,* CHILE,* CHINA,*** COLOMBIA,** COMOROS,** CUBA,* CZECH REPUBLIC,*** DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,*** DENMARK,*** DJIBOUTI,* EL SALVADOR,* FRANCE,* GAMBIA,* GERMANY,* GUINEA-BISSAU,*** HONDURAS,*** ICELAND,* INDIA,** INDONESIA,*** ITALY,** JAPAN,* LATVIA,* LESOTHO,** MAURITIUS,** MEXICO,* MOROCCO,*** MOZAMBIQUE,* NEW ZEALAND,** NORWAY,*** OMAN,** PAKISTAN,** POLAND,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** RWANDA,*** SAINT LUCIA,** SAUDI ARABIA,*** SIERRA LEONE,** SPAIN,* SRI LANKA,* SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,*** TURKEY,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** VENEZUELA,*** VIET NAM** and ZAMBIA.*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
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*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/311. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information[6]

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 3 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[7] appointed ANGOLA, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA and SOLOMON ISLANDS members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following ninety-three Member States: ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA,

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[5] The terms of office of the three judges commence on 22 February 1999.

[6] See also decision 53/418.

[7] A/53/600, para. 9.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, MALTA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA and ZIMBABWE.

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53/312. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] appointed the following persons members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Ms. Nazareth A. Incera, Mr. Ahmad Kamal, Mr. Rajat Saha, Mr. Nicholas A. Thorne, Mr. Fumiaki Toya and Mr. Gian Luigi Valenza.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Ms. Denise ALMAO (*New Zealand*),* Mr. Ammar AMARI (*Tunisia*),* Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),** Mr. Leonid E. BIDNYI (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),* Ms. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),* Ms. Nazareth A. INCERA (*Costa Rica*),*** Mr. Hasan JAWARNEH (*Jordan*),** Mr. Ahmad KAMAL (*Pakistan*),*** Mr. Mahamane Amadou MAIGA (*Mali*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),** Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),** Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),*** Mr. Nicholas A. THORNE (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),*** Mr. Fumiaki TOYA (*Japan*)*** and Mr. Gian Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/313. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mr. Pieter Johannes Bierma, Mr. Paul Ekorong A Ndong, Mr. Neil Hewitt Francis and Mr. Henry Hanson-Hall.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed the following persons members of the Committee on Contributions for terms of office as indicated: Mr. Sergio Chaparro Ruiz (Chile) from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000; Mr. Bernardo Greiver (Uruguay) from

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[8] A/53/707, para. 12.

[9] A/53/708, para. 6.

[10] Ibid., para. 7.

1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001; and Mr. Eduardo Iglesias (Argentina) from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Iqbal AKHUND (*Pakistan*),* Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),*** Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),** Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (*Chile*),**** Mr. Paul EKORONG A NDONG (*Cameroon*),*** Mr. David ETUKET (*Uganda*),** Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (*Australia*),*** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),***** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR (*Brazil*),* Mr. Henry HANSON-HALL (*Ghana*),*** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),****** Mr. JU Kuilin (*China*),* Ms. Isabelle KLAIS (*Germany*),* Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Sergei I. MAREYEV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*),* Mr. Prakash SHAH (*India*)** and Mr. Kazuo WATANABE (*Japan*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
**** Term of office is from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2000.
***** Term of office is from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001.
****** Term of office is from 1 January to 31 December 1999 and from 1 January to 31 December 2001.

53/314. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: Auditor General of GHANA,* Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the PHILIPPINES*** and Comptroller and Auditor General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.**

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 2000.
** Term of office expires on 30 June 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2002.

53/315. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[12] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mr. Yves Oltramare, Mr. Emmanuel Noi Omaboe and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),** Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),* Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),** Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),* Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),*** Mr. Emmanuel Noi

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[11] A/53/709, para. 5.

[12] A/53/710, para. 5.

OMABOE (*Ghana*),*** Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)*** and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/316. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[13] appointed the following persons members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mr. Kevin Haugh and Ms. Deborah Taylor Ashford.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Chittharanjan Felix AMERASINGHE (*Sri Lanka*),** Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),* Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),* Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),*** Mr. Victor Yenyi OLUNGU (*Democratic Republic of the Congo*),** Ms. Deborah TAYLOR ASHFORD (*United States of America*)*** and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/317. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[14] appointed the following persons members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999: Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, Mrs. Turkia Daddah, Mr. Wolfgang Stöckl, Mr. Carlos S. Vegega and Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[15] designated Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor as Chairman of the Commission and Mr. Carlos S. Vegega as Vice-Chairman, each for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),*** Chairman; Mr. Carlos S. VEGEGA (*Argentina*),*** Vice-Chairman; Ms. Corazon ALMA de LEÓN (*Philippines*),* Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),** Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),*** Mr. Alexei FEDOTOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Humayun KABIR (*Bangladesh*),* Mr. João Augusto de MEDICIS (*Brazil*),** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),* Mr. Alexis

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[13] A/53/711, para. 6.

[14] A/53/712, para. 7 (*a*).

[15] Ibid., paras. 7 (*b*) and (*c*).

STEPHANOU (*Greece*),** Mr. Wolfgang STÖCKL (*Germany*),*** Mr. Ku TASHIRO (*Japan*),** Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*)*** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).*

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2002.

53/318. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, NEPAL and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, MOROCCO, NEPAL and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ALGERIA,*** ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,*** BAHAMAS,** BELGIUM,** BENIN,** CHILE,* FIJI,* FRANCE,* GABON,* GEORGIA,** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),** JAMAICA,*** JAPAN,* JORDAN,*** KENYA,*** LESOTHO,** NAMIBIA,* NEPAL,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2001.

53/319. Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[16] appointed Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for the unexpired portion of a term of office beginning on 1 January 1999 and ending on 31 December 2000 as a result of the resignation of a member.

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[16] A/53/752, para. 5.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

53/401. Organization of the fifty-third session

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[17] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-third session.

53/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report[18], adopted the agenda[19] and the allocation of agenda items[20] for the fifty-third session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[21] decided to defer consideration of the items entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India" and "Question of East Timor" and to include them in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 28 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[22] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[23] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 80th plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[24] decided to consider the agenda item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[25] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly".

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[26] having waived the relevant provision of rule 40 of its rules of procedure, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee", under agenda item 17 and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

53/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-third session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 9 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[27] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the Committee on Relations with the Host Country should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-third session.

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At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[27] and the General Committee,[28] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-third session.

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At its 36th plenary meeting, on 12 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[29] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Information should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-third session.

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At its 48th plenary meeting, on 29 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee

[17] A/53/250, paras. 5-41.
[18] Ibid., paras. 58 and 61.
[19] A/53/251.
[20] A/53/252.
[21] A/53/250, paras. 48 and 49.
[22] A/53/250/Add.1, para. 1.
[23] Ibid., para. 2.
[24] A/53/250/Add.2, para. 1.
[25] Ibid., para. 2.
[26] A/53/235, para. 2.
[27] See A/53/298.
[28] A/53/250, para. 41.
[29] See A/53/298/Add.1.

on Conferences[30], decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories should be authorized to meet in New York from 2 to 5 November 1998 during the main part of its fifty-third session.

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At its 68th plenary meeting, on 24 November 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President, decided that the Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council should be authorized to meet during the main part of its fifty-third session.

53/404. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 28th plenary meeting, on 5 October 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[31]

53/405. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 7 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives,[32] approved the provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee set out below:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Status of preparations for the special session.
3. Preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.
4. Consideration of further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit.
5. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its first session.

Annotations

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 50/161 of 22 December 1995, decided to hold a special session of the Assembly in the year 2000 with two purposes: an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the consideration of further actions and initiatives.

2. At the first session of the Preparatory Committee, the scope for review and appraisal will be limited. Structured requests for national reports will have been sent but responses will not have been completed nor will analysis be far advanced. On the basis of the information available, including in the United Nations system, it should, however, be possible for the Secretariat to provide a preliminary assessment of achievements in and constraints on the implementation of the commitments made in Copenhagen. This should provide a basis for the consideration of further actions and initiatives.

3. The principal subject for discussion will therefore be the identification of the specific issues and initiatives that Governments wish to have placed on the agenda of the special session. As at the Summit, discussion of the means of addressing those issues will relate to goals, strategies, policies and programmes at the national, regional and international levels.

4. The ten commitments agreed upon at the Summit, as elaborated in the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, will provide the framework for discussion. Specific issues raised by delegations during the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee will be discussed by the Bureau and presented, in a structured manner, in a document to be distributed before the first session of the Committee. This would be based on proposals prepared by countries, background reports prepared by the appropriate entities of the United Nations system, the results of expert meetings and reports prepared by consultants on issues identified by countries for consideration, which will also be circulated to delegations.

53/407. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 22 October 1998, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[33]

53/408. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 22 October 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the

[30] See A/53/298/Add.2.

[31] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/53/1).

[32] Ibid., *Supplement No. 45* (A/53/45), para. 87.

[33] A/53/357.

Latin American Economic System" until its fifty-fourth session and to include it in the provisional agenda of that session.

53/409. Report of the Security Council

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 22 October 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[34]

53/412. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 27 October 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[35]

53/413. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 28 October 1998, the General Assembly took note of the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[36]

53/414. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 2 November 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

53/415. Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 16 November 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon.[37]

53/416. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 19 November 1998, the General Assembly took note of the fifth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[38]

53/424. Assistance to the Palestinian people

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 7 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen and Palestine,[39] requested that the Secretary-General should continue to use the term "Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem", when appropriate, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions, in relevant reports to the Assembly, including the report under the item entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people", bearing in mind the need to take account of future relevant Assembly resolutions and progress in the Middle East peace process.

53/425. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

53/426. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

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[34] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/53/2).

[35] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/53/4).

[36] A/53/429–S/1998/857, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1998*, document S/1998/857.

[37] A/53/213.

[38] See A/53/219–S/1998/737; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1998*, document S/1998/737.

[39] A/53/L.65 and Add.1.

53/427. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

53/428. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

53/429. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session.

53/436. Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

At its 90th plenary meeting, on 11 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of its President,[40] recalling its resolution 53/168, adopted on 10 December 1998 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session an item entitled "Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

53/451. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of chapters I to VII, VIII (sections A to C), IX and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[41]

53/452. Non-governmental organizations

At its 92nd plenary meeting, on 17 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Canada,[42] having considered the report of the Secretary-General on arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system,[43] and recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 71, General Assembly decision 52/453 of 19 December 1997 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and Council decision 1996/297, both of 25 July 1996, as well as the interpretative statement read by the President of the Council upon the adoption of the latter decision[44], decided to request the Secretary-General:

(*a*) To seek the views of Member States, members of the specialized agencies, observers and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the views of non-governmental organizations from all regions, on his report; [45]

(*b*) To submit a further report to the General Assembly, at its fifty-fourth session, in accordance with Assembly decision 52/453, taking into account the submissions received;

and also decided to continue its consideration of this question at its fifty-fourth session under the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system".

53/453. Transfer of observer status with the General Assembly

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[45] decided that the International Organization of la Francophonie would participate, in the capacity of observer, in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs, instead of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, which had been invited to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly and its subsidiary organs in the capacity of observer by the Assembly in its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978.

53/465. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during the fifty-third session:

Item 10:	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
Item 11:	Report of the Security Council
Item 16:	Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections
Item 17:	Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

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[40] A/53/L.71.

[41] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum (A/53/3 and Corr.1).

[42] A/53/L.68.

[43] A/53/170.

[44] See E/1996/SR.49. For the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1996, Plenary Meetings* (E/1996/SR.1–56).

[45] A/53/701.

Item 20: Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance

Item 30: United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Item 31: Culture of peace

Item 38: Oceans and the law of the sea

Item 39: Question of Palestine

Item 40: The situation in the Middle East

Item 43: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

Item 44: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 45: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 57: Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

Item 58: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 59: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 60: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 61: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Item 62: Question of Cyprus

Item 93 (*f*): Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Item 94 (*c*): Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination

Item 111: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 112: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 113: Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999

Item 114: Programme planning

Item 115: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 117: Pattern of conferences

Item 118: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 119: Human resources management

Item 120: United Nations common system

Item 121: United Nations pension system

Item 122: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 124: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 125: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 126: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

Item 135: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan

Item 137: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and

Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 139: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group

Item 140: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Item 141: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti

Item 142: Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

Item 143: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 144: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 145: Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Item 152: Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Item 155: Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 161: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 163: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 165: Joint Inspection Unit

Item 167: Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

53/421. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[46]

53/422. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[47] recalling its resolution 50/245 of 10 September 1996, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty".

53/423. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[48]

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

53/418. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information[49]

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 3 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[7] decided to increase the number of members of the Committee on Information from ninety to ninety-three.

53/419. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 3 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[50] adopted the following text:

"1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to the item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[51] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of

[46] A/53/581.

[47] A/53/592, para. 11.

[48] A/53/593.

[49] See also decision 53/311.

[50] A/53/602, para. 12.

[51] A/53/23 (Part III), chap. VI. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 23.*

the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of the military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fourth session."

53/420. Question of Gibraltar

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 3 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[52] adopted the following text:

"The General Assembly, recalling its decision 52/419 of 10 December 1997, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984,[53] stipulates, *inter alia*, the following:

> 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',

takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and of the United Kingdom hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which was held in London on 10 December 1997, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

53/437. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[54]

53/438. Documents relating to trade and development

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[55] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Trade and Development Board on its sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth executive sessions;[56]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to agreed conclusions 1997/1 of the Economic and Social Council.[57]

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[52] A/53/594, para. 35.

[53] A/39/732, annex.

[54] A/53/606.

[55] A/53/606/Add.1, para. 11.

[56] A/53/15 (Parts I-III). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 15*.

[57] A/53/510.

53/439. Documents relating to the financing of development

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[58] took note of the following reports:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;[59]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development: work of the United Nations system".[60]

53/440. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[61]

53/441. Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat).[63]

53/442. Documents relating to renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend;[65]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system;[66]

(*c*) Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications;[67]

(*d*) Letter dated 9 March 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the summary report of the Co-Chairmen of the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development.[68]

53/443. Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Population Fund

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[69] decided to allocate a plenary meeting at its fifty-fourth session to the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operation of the United Nations Population Fund, under the item entitled "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development".

53/444. Environment and sustainable development

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[70]

53/445. Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[71] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment.[72]

53/446. Report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[73] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the outcome of the third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.[74]

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[58] A/53/606/Add.2, para. 11.

[59] A/53/228.

[60] A/53/479.

[61] A/53/608.

[62] A/53/608/Add.3, para. 11.

[63] A/53/512.

[64] A/53/608/Add.4, para. 10.

[65] A/53/374.

[66] A/53/296.

[67] A/53/529.

[68] A/53/85.

[69] A/53/608/Add.6, para. 11.

[70] A/53/609.

[71] A/53/609/Add.6, para. 19.

[72] A/53/156-E/1998/78.

[73] A/53/609/Add.2, para. 3.

[74] A/53/449.

53/447. Documents relating to operational activities for development

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[75] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[76]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Fellowships in the United Nations system";[77]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting his comments and those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Fellowships in the United Nations system";[78]

(*d*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[79]

53/448. Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[80] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty.[81]

53/449. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[82] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1998;[83]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[84]

[75] A/53/610, para. 14.

[76] A/53/226.

[77] A/53/154.

[78] A/53/154/Add.1.

[79] A/53/363.

[80] A/53/613, para. 15.

[81] A/53/223 and Add.1.

[82] A/53/605, para. 19.

[83] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum (A/53/3 and Corr.1), chaps. I–V, VIII (sects. A–C and E–H) and X.

[84] A/53/406.

53/450. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1999–2000

At its 91st plenary meeting, on 15 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[82] and in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1999–2000, as contained in the annex to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1999–2000[85]

1999

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[86]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 2001–2003

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development*

Documentation

Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a high-level consideration of the topic of financing for development (General Assembly resolutions 52/179 and 53/173)

(b) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries (General Assembly resolution 53/172)

[85] The Second Committee, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, holds a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[86] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports made by the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1999.

(c) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/181 on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/183 on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/170, developments in the multilateral trading system and the implementation of the ministerial communiqué on market access adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 8 July 1998

(d) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/184

(e) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/175

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolutions 47/177 and 52/208)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on entrepreneurship and privatization for economic growth and sustainable development (General Assembly resolutions 48/180 and 52/209)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and on the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and constraints therein, and on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 53/178 and article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States)

(b) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 and 53/180)[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (General Assembly resolution 53/180)

(c) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 52/195)[87]

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)[87]

(d) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/196)

(e) *International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 52/189)

(f) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 53/182)

(g) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

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[87] To be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the second high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (General Assembly resolution 53/181)

(h) *Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (General Assembly resolution 53/183)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Solar Programme 1996–2005 (General Assembly resolution 53/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement part IV.A of the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/186)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/185 on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon[87]

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its seventh session, including the recommendations of the Commission on supportive measures and activities which will contribute to the success of the International Year of Ecotourism (General Assembly resolutions 47/191 and 53/200; and Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/40)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures undertaken in the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188)[87]

(b) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations on how the United Nations will deal with the reduction of natural disasters after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 53/185)[87]

(c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolutions 51/182 and 53/190)

(d) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

(e) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the second session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 53/191)

(f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

No advance documentation requested (General Assembly resolution 53/189)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children (A/53/186) (General Assembly resolution 53/193)

(a) *Operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/204 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/205

Item 7. *Training and research*

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/195

Item 8. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/32 and General Assembly resolution 53/196[87]

Item 9. *Globalization and interdependence*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General examining interrelated issues to facilitate better understanding of globalization (General Assembly resolution 53/169)

Item 10. *Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997–2006)*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of measures, recommendations and activities related to the Decade (General Assembly resolution 53/198)

2000[88]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[89]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/171 on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 53/174)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/177

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions (General Assembly resolution 53/176)

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 50/130)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the preparations for the International Year of Mountains, 2002 (General Assembly resolution 53/24)

(d) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 53/179)

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[88] The programme of work and documentation list for 2000 will be updated in 1999, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session.

[89] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports made by the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 2000.

(b) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/184

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

(a) *Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures undertaken in the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme of Action for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188)[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the ten-year review of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188)

(b) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

(c) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(d) *Water supply and sanitation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/126)[87]

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary General (General Assembly resolution 53/189)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 7. *Training and research*

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 53/194)

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

53/431. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[90] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.[91]

53/432. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[92] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.[93]

53/433. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[94] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;[95]

(*b*) Report of the Human Rights Committee;[96]

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[90] A/53/621, para. 14.

[91] A/53/281.

[92] A/53/622, para. 11.

[93] A/53/282.

[94] A/53/625, para. 4.

[95] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/53/36).

[96] Ibid., *Supplement No. 40* (A/53/40), vols. I and II.

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[97]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[98]

(*e*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[99]

(*f*) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations: safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel";[100]

(*g*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide;[101]

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General on implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;[102]

(*i*) Note by the Secretary-General on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;[103]

(*j*) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;[104]

(*k*) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Burundi;[105]

(*l*) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Sudan;[106]

(*m*) Note by the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and western Bekaa.[107]

53/434. Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1999–2000

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[108] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1999–2000, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

[97] A/53/253.

[98] A/53/283.

[99] A/53/339.

[100] A/53/501.

[101] A/53/565.

[102] A/53/279.

[103] A/53/337.

[104] A/53/365.

[105] A/53/490.

[106] A/53/504.

[107] A/53/537.

[108] A/53/614, para. 8.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. Guidelines concerning time limits of statements

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of Assembly decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and 46/140 of 17 December 1991, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed seven minutes. Statements made on behalf of a group of delegations or made in connection with the sub-items of the agenda item on human rights questions should not exceed fifteen minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or a sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

B. Draft resolutions on reports of treaty bodies and reports of the Secretary-General on the status of the treaties

3. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with the respective legislative mandates of those bodies. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. It is recommended that, where possible, draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

C. Proposals emanating from subsidiary organs of the Economic and Social Council

4. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

D. Programme of work

5. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the

Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the work of the Committee, especially the status of documentation.

6. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family

Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Item 4. International drug control

Item 5. Advancement of women

Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children

Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination[109]

Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination[109]

Item 12. Human rights questions:[110] [111]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

(*e*) Report of the United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

7. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular, in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

[109] Items 10 and 11 are to be discussed jointly. Delegates may make two separate statements, that is, one on each item, if they so wish.

[110] Sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) are to be discussed separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) are to be discussed jointly.

[111] Delegations may make one statement each under sub-items (*a*) and (*d*) and two statements under sub-items (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

E. Preparation and submission of draft resolutions

8. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee as reproduced below.

9. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of draft proposals and as set out below.[112]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, International Year of Older Persons and related activities (1999)

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (odd years)

Triennial

Role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (1999)

Quinquennial

Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2002)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity

[112] References to "odd years" and "even years" are to calendar years.

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (1999)

Preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (1999)

Biennial

Crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women (1999)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action on international cooperation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international cooperation to counter the world drug problem; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters; implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (even years)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (1999)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1999)

United Nations Development Fund for Women

Biennial

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Violence against women migrant workers (odd years)

Traffic in women and girls (2000)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

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Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2002)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; children with disabilities; prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation and abuse, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; the plight of children living and/or working on the streets; the girl child

Biennial

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Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

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Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (to 2000)

Biennial

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Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Report of the Committee against Torture

Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1999)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (1999)

Biennial

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (2000)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

Reports of meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (even years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and public information activities in the field of human rights

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and terrorism (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (odd years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (odd years)

Strengthening of the rule of law (2000)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes (2003)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1999–2000

1999[113]

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Documentation

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Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (General Assembly resolution 51/58)[114]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/82 on the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons[114]

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (General Assembly resolution 52/83)[114]

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on ways and means of achieving the goal of education for all (General Assembly resolution 52/84)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth held at Lisbon from 8 to 12 August 1998 (Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/55)[114]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/109 on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including relevant information on preparations for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 53/110)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/86 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women[87]

[113] The programme of work and documentation for 1999 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1999.

[114] To be submitted to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development.

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (General Assembly resolution 53/113)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (General Assembly resolution 53/114)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the twentieth special session of the General Assembly and of Assembly resolution 53/115 on international cooperation against the world drug problem

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[87]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolutions 45/124 and 53/118)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (General Assembly resolution 52/93)[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (General Assembly resolution 52/95)

Report of the Secretary-General on violence against women migrant workers (General Assembly resolution 52/97)

Report of the Secretary-General on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls (General Assembly resolution 53/117)

Report of the Secretary-General on improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (General Assembly resolution 53/119)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 53/120)[87]

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (General Assembly resolution 53/120)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (General Assembly resolution 53/122)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (General Assembly resolution 53/123)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 53/126)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (General Assembly resolutions 52/107 and 53/128)

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child and on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 53/128)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolutions 52/108 and 53/129)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/133)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 53/134)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 53/135)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[67]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolutions 36/151 and 53/139)

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 52/116)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (General Assembly resolution 53/137)

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (General Assembly resolution 53/139)

(*b*) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (General Assembly resolution 52/123)

Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 52/128)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (General Assembly resolution 52/129)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (General Assembly resolution 52/132)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and terrorism (General Assembly resolution 52/133)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (General Assembly resolution 53/140)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (General Assembly resolution 53/141)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in assisting the Government and people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/145)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and

the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (General Assembly resolution 53/149)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995–2004, and on public information activities in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/153)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (General Assembly resolution 53/155)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (General Assembly resolution 52/119)

Human rights in the administration of justice (General Assembly resolution 52/124)

Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons (General Assembly resolution 52/130)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (General Assembly resolution 53/143)

Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/154)

(*c*) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (General Assembly resolution 53/162)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (General Assembly resolution 53/164)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Situation of human rights in Rwanda (General Assembly resolution 53/156)

Situation of human rights in Iraq (General Assembly resolution 53/157)

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (General Assembly resolution 53/158)

Situation of human rights in Haiti (General Assembly resolution 53/159)

Situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (General Assembly resolution 53/160)

Situation of human rights in Nigeria (General Assembly resolution 53/161)

Situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) (General Assembly resolution 53/163)

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan (General Assembly resolution 53/165)

(*d*) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(*e*) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[87]

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Question of resources for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the human rights activities of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 53/167).

2000

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 47/100)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (General Assembly resolution 48/112, sect. IV)[87]

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[87]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (General Assembly resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on traffic in women and girls (General Assembly resolution 53/116)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 53/120)[87]

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (General Assembly resolution 53/124)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[87]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict (General Assembly resolution 52/107)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (General Assembly decision 49/458)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (General Assembly resolution 52/108)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 53/131)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[87]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (General Assembly resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Committee against Torture (General Assembly resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/138

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports of the meetings of persons chairing United Nations human rights treaty bodies (General Assembly resolution 53/138)

(*b*) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of the rule of law (General Assembly resolution 53/142)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (General Assembly resolution 53/147)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (General Assembly resolution 53/148)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (General Assembly resolution 53/150)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Human rights and extreme poverty (General Assembly resolution 53/146)

(*c*) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(*d*) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/121)

(*e*) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[87]

53/435. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 9 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[108] took note of chapters I, III, V, VI, VIII (sections A, C and I) and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[41]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

53/406. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 7 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[115] having considered chapter III, section C, of the report of the Committee on Contributions,[116] decided:

(*a*) To endorse the conclusions of the Committee on Contributions, contained in paragraphs 32 and 36 of its report, that the failure of the Comoros and of Tajikistan to pay the minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations was attributable to conditions beyond their control;

(*b*) That, as a result, the Comoros and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote through the fifty-third session of the General Assembly and that any extension that might be requested should be subject to review by the Committee on Contributions.

B

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 7 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[117] having considered the requests received from the Governments of Georgia[118] and Guinea-Bissau,[119] decided, without prejudice to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly:

(*a*) To grant a temporary waiver for a period of three months, beginning on 7 October 1998, to Georgia and to Guinea-Bissau;

(*b*) To request the Committee on Contributions to review the cases of Georgia and Guinea-Bissau at its next session.

53/410. Activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 26 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[120] took note with appreciation of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the activities of the Advisory Committee during

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[115] A/53/464, para. 7.

[116] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/53/11).

[117] A/53/464/Add.1, para. 6.

[118] See A/C.5/53/22, annex.

[119] See A/C.5/53/21, annex.

[120] A/53/521, para. 7.

the fifty-second session of the General Assembly[121] and requested the Secretary-General to bring the report to the attention of the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the funds and programmes concerned.

53/411. Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

A

At its 43rd plenary meeting, on 26 October 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[120]

(*a*) Requested the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO to consider the proposals on new administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[122]

(*b*) Also requested those bodies to submit their comments, as a matter of priority, for its consideration.

B

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] took note of the note by the Secretary-General as orally revised,[124] and endorsed the administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO as set out in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[122]

53/417. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 72nd plenary meeting, on 30 November 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[125] took note of chapters I, VIII (sections B and C) and X of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[41]

53/454. Revolving credit fund

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on a revolving credit fund[126] and the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon,[127] and decided to resume consideration of the question of a revolving credit fund at its fifty-fourth session.

53/455. Guidelines for Internal Control Standards

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards[128] and endorsed the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[129] and, in this context, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, through the Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee, taking into account the Guidelines for Internal Control Standards approved by the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, as appropriate.

53/456. Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] decided to resume consideration of the question of the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures at its resumed fifty-third session, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at that session the additional information recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[130]

53/457. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999–2000

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999–2000, annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1999–2000

A. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 1999

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2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

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[121] A/53/7. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[122] A/53/7/Add.3, para. 11. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[123] A/53/521/Add.1, para. 19.

[124] A/C.5/53/38; and *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Fifth Committee*, 38th meeting (A/C.5/53/SR.38), and corrigendum.

[125] A/53/694, para. 4.

[126] TA/52/822.

[127] A/53/645 and Corr.1 and 2.

[128] A/52/867.

[129] A/53/508.

[130] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Fifth Committee*, 39th meeting (A/C.5/53/SR.39), and corrigendum.

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations
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11. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
12. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations
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B. PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2000

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001
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53/458. Items for consideration by the Fifth Committee during the resumed fifty-third session of the General Assembly

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[123] decided that the Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items and relevant reports at its resumed fifty-third session:

Item 111: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 112: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

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(*a*) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

(*b*) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 124: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(*a*) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

(*b*) Other activities

Item 125: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 126: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

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Item 145: Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Item 161: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

Item 163: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 165: Joint Inspection Unit.

53/459. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[131] took note of the statistical report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system[132] and the relevant paragraphs of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[121]

53/460. Human resources management

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[133]

(*a*) Decided to defer until the first part of its resumed fifty-third session consideration of the item entitled "Human resources management";

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to maintain current procedures relating to the consideration of candidates for internal vacancies in the Secretariat temporarily until the adoption of a resolution on human resources management, including the issue of internal vacancies, during the first part of its resumed fifty-third session;

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General to postpone the promulgation of the amendments to the Staff Rules proposed by the Secretary-General in his report,[134] pending their consideration during the first part of its resumed fifty-third session.

53/461. Death and disability benefits

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[135] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits.[136]

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[131] A/53/713, para. 5.

[132] A/53/647.

[133] A/53/748, para. 9.

[134] A/53/502 and Add.1.

[135] A/53/522/Add.1, para. 4.

[136] A/C.5/53/16.

53/462. Financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[137] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice,[138] with the understanding afforded by the Secretariat that the United Nations provides no subsidy in any form for the operation of the dining room at the Court.

53/463. Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[137] decided to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund[139] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[140]

53/464. Development Account

At its 93rd plenary meeting, on 18 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[137] decided to defer consideration of the proposals contained in the reports of the Secretary-General on the Development Account[141] and related actions recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[142] until the first part of its resumed fifty-third session.

7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

53/430. Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 8 December 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[143] recalling its resolution 52/166 of 15 December 1997, desiring to review the provisions of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal, mindful of the comments made by States in this regard at its fifty-third session, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the item entitled "Review of the statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal".

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[137] A/53/485/Add.1, para. 44.

[138] A/C.5/53/19.

[139] A/C.5/52/42.

[140] A/53/7/Add.9. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No 7.*

[141] A/52/1009 and A/53/374.

[142] A/53/7/Add.1 and 4. For the final texts, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 7.*

[143] A/53/637, para. 6.

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